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For : METHOD FOR MODELING AN IMPLANT AND AN IMPLANT
MANUFACTURED BY THE METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-192362, published on August 3, 1993, together with a full English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent applications:

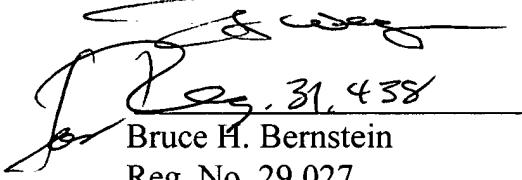
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/212,151 to ABE et al., entitled "Implant Forming Method", filed on August 6, 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/227,224 to K. ABE et al., entitled "Implant Forming Method", filed on August 26, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is invited to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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